

Application No. 10/792,256
AMENDMENT dated June 1, 2009
Responsive to Office Action of April 30, 2009

Remarks

Claims 1, 3-10, 19, 21-22, 24-25, 27-31, 34-35, 37-41, and 64-74 are now pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 45 and intervening claims 2 and 43. This subject matter was indicated as allowable in the April 30, 2009 Office Action. Claims 69-74 are new. New independent claim 69 includes all of the limitations of claims 1, 2, 43, and 44, which has also been indicated to be allowable. All of the other pending claims depend from either claim 1 or claim 69, and therefore should be allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims. Additional minor amendments have been made to dependent claims for consistency. No new matter has been added through any of the amendments made herein.

In view of the above amendments, allowance of all pending claims is courteously requested. Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Thomas F. Lebens at (805) 781-2865 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1616.

Respectfully submitted,

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